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**COVER LETTER**

Sir:

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Total Claims	8	10	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	4	4	1 (Over 3)	x \$86	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)	1	2	PAID	+ \$290	0
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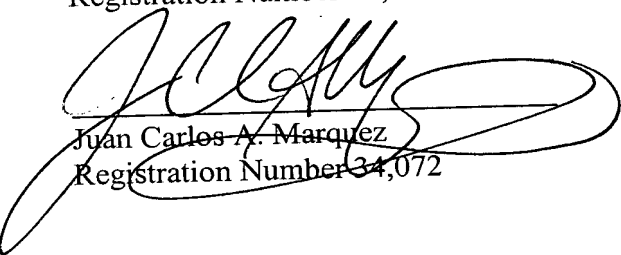
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[ ] Preliminary Amendment  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Sir:**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 8, 2003 the shortened period for response to which will expire on October 8, 2003. Applicants hereby elect the continuing prosecution of Group 2, drawn to a method for indexing a microarray chip, without traverse. Claims 4 through 7 pertain to the elected group.